

| | |
|--|----|
| What's Inside ... | |
| Screenroom | B2 |
| Magnolia, Romeo Must Die reviewed. | |
| MWR Pages | B4 |
| Spotlight on Youth Services Fall activities. | |
| Conservation weekend | B6 |
| JAKES has turkeys on their mind. | |

Army civilian transcends tragedy to perform feats of athleticism



Above: Register jumped to a new American Paralympic record just shy of 17 feet at the Paralympic Trials, earning him at place at the Paralympics in Sydney, Australia, following the Olympic Games. (Photo courtesy John Register)

Right:John Register clutched his leg and literally hopped the remaining distance to finish second in the 200 meter at the Paralympic trials in June. That finish qualified him for the event at the Paralympics in October in Sydney, Australia. Register also qualified in long jump, setting the new American record at 5.13 meters, and in the 100 meter, with a second place finish. (Photo by Richard Mei)

By Marcia L. Klein
CFSC Public Affairs
Heroism: “The brilliant triumph of the soul over the flesh ... over fear...” - Henry F. Amiel

Alexandria, Va. — The athlete strains toward his goal, tendons and muscles outlined in the gleam of a finely-tuned body. With every ounce of will he flings himself up and forward, stretching his leg to reach the furthest end of the sandpit.

His prosthesis lands second, slightly behind, but the jump is good enough for gold, and this athlete, John Register, is on his way to Sydney – and the 2000 Paralympics Games.

Although the world’s attention is focused on the heroics of Olympians who will contest each other at the 2000 Games in September, the games that follow are those that truly test the measure of an athlete: one who not only works against the clock or against gravity, but also against his or her own body.

The 35-year-old Register has known the spotlight of challenging the Olympic heights. He was a three-time collegiate All-American while attending the University of Arkansas, where he ran against Michael Johnson, Olympic gold medalist and the current world record holder in the 200 and 400 meter events, who attended Baylor University in Waco, Texas.

“We were on the relay teams; [Baylor] won outdoors and we won indoors, so there’s that one and one against the great Michael Johnson,” Register said.

After graduation Register joined the Army in 1988 and became a member of the

World Class Athlete Program, winning nine gold medals for the Army’s track and field team. He qualified for both the 1988 and 1992 Olympic trials, but the Games stayed out of reach. That made him all the more determined and focused as he turned his sights on 1996 and Atlanta.

Then, in 1994, his dreams literally came crashing down during a hurdles training session. Taking off toward the familiar hurdle, he knew his stride wasn’t right. As he landed, the snap as he hyper-extended his knee could be heard at the far side of the track. Diagnosis: severed popliteal artery.

Several weeks and surgeries later he faced the truth: either ride a wheelchair the rest of his life or give up his left leg above the knee. For John, there was no decision.

“I couldn’t think of not being able to walk; I’d rather wear a prosthesis,” he said. After the amputation which ended his career as an Army athlete, he went to work for the Army’s Community and Family Support Center, first as a sports specialist in WCAP and then in the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers program.

He didn’t know it at the time, but his decision to amputate put him once again on the road for Olympic gold. In 1996 Register earned a place on the U.S. Paralympic team in the 4X400 meter medley relay, just 18 months after he began swimming.

In 1997, a specially designed prosthesis with a new plastic socket allowed him to begin running and jumping again. This year, at the Paralympic Trials in New London, Ct.,

See Register, Page B5



Scout Screenroom



"Magnolia" photos copyright New Line Cinema

Frank Mackey (Tom Cruise) visits ailing elder Earl Partridge (Jason Robards).

By Sgt. Cullen James
Scout Staff

New to rental shelves:

MAGNOLIA
New Line Cinema (Directed by: Paul Thomas Anderson; Starring: Jeremy Blackman, Michael Bowen, Tom Cruise, Melinda Dillon, April Grace, William H. Macey, Julianne Moore, Philip Seymour Hoffman, Jason Robards.)
Rated R: Strong language, drug use, sexuality and some violence.
Family Factor: Sex, drugs, the trappings of money, cancer victims — all that en-

tails. For mature audiences only.
I watched this film this past weekend and I'm still trying to figure out how much I liked it. It's a three-hour magnum opus of a film, but I never lost interest. I don't know if that was because I was waiting for an explanation or if it was just a good movie.
For those of you who've seen director Robert Altman's "Short Cuts," you'll find "Magnolia" similar in feel and style. This one jumps around in the same bizarre seemingly unrelated fashion, but that's about where the similarity ends (except, coincidentally, Julianne Moore also appeared in "Cuts").



Stanley Spector (Jeremy Blackman) and his father Rick (Michael Bowen) on the set of a kids versus adults game show.

The film focuses on the lives of several people who are leading different lives. Whiz kid Stanley Spector (Jeremy Blackman) appears on a famous game show with great pressure from his father Rick (Michael Bowen).

Donnie Smith (William H. Macey) was a former contestant on the same game show back in the 1960s, but now is a down-and-out store salesman. He spends much of his time in a local bar.

Earl Partridge (Jason Robards) is dying of cancer. His current wife, Linda (Julianne Moore) doesn't know how to cope and relies on home nurse Phil Parma (Philip Seymour Duncan) to take care of Earl. Phil really cares for Earl, Linda seems to really care for Earl, but Earl has one last request — find his long-lost son Jack.

Frank Mackey (Tom Cruise) is the creator of a system called "Seduce and Destroy." He leads male empowerment seminars aimed at men taking control of relationships. He conducts seminars and workshops, is an apparent chauvinist, but seems to have a hidden past.

There are others: a cocaine-snorting daughter of a famous game-show host; an ultra-religious police officer; a dying television star, etc.

To top off the cast and the bizarre story, we also get to learn that the saying, "When it rains, it pours," is sometimes even more true.

The film is shot wonderfully. It jumps from home to apartment to television stage to outside without missing a beat. The great thing about this is that although you're watching a three-hour movie, you have to watch the movie to keep up. It doesn't drag, nor does it lack plot development.

The story is convoluted, and it never really resolves too much. It implies quite a bit however, and maybe that's better in some ways

than solving it for you.
I've decided the film is compelling rather than simply confusing. Check it out when you have the time. I give the film, three-and-three-quarter flowers.



★★★★★ = Excellent (*Leon*)

★★★★ = Very Good (*Eyes Wide Shut*)

★★★ = Average (*Short Cuts*)

★★ = Below Average (*My Life*)

★ = Poor (*Vision Quest*)

ROMEO MUST DIE
Warner Brothers (Directed by: Andrej Bartkowiak; Starring: Jet Li, Aaliyah, Isaiah Washington, Russell Wong, DMX, Delroy Lindo, D.B. Woodside, Anthony Anderson.)
Rated R: Violence, some language and brief nudity.
Family Factor: Violence and innuendo put this one out of reach of younger viewers. I question the R somewhat. Without the brief nudity (at the beginning of the movie, and it is brief) it sits well within the PG-13 range.

Do not expect Shakespeare here. Loosely adapted from that tale, this film does feature two rival gangs, or clans, and a "forbidden" relationship. But the similarities end there.

Jet Li is amazing! As a long time fan of martial arts films, he's the greatest thing to come along since Jackie Chan. He's a better actor than Jean-Claude Van Damme and Steven Seagal put together, although his performances can be somewhat wooden. He's also more serious than Chan. Li's smooth martial arts and style film harken back to Bruce Lee's films, and Li has the credentials for it. He was the Chinese Wu Shu Kung Fu national champion

See Screenroom, Page B3

Showings

Today — BOYS AND GIRLS - Freddie Prinze, Claire Forlani - From the moment they first met as kids on an airplane, Jennifer and Ryan set the tone for their life-long relationship; fighting and flirting with equal skill. Over the next few years they meet again developing a real passion for despising one another. But by the time they both get to college, their decade-long antagonism starts turning to friendship — brutally honest, no holds barred, true-thing friendship. The kind only one unexpected thing could possibly ruin: Sex. (Sexual content). Rated PG-13.

Friday Aug. 11, Sunday Aug. 13 (2 p.m. matinee), and Wednesday Aug. 16 — FANTASIA 2000 - Animated - In this update of the 1940's animated Disney classic film is a mixture of animation and music. New interpretations of great works of music are presented. Set to the music of Beethoven's Fifth Symphony, The Prince of Rome,

Rhapsody in Blue, Piano concerto No. 2, Pomp and Circumstances and The Firebird. Mickey Mouse stars in "The Sorcerer's Apprentice" and Donald Duck is Noah's assistant. Rated G.

Saturday Aug. 12 and Sunday Aug. 13 — ME, MYSELF AND IRENE - Jim Carrey, Rene Zellwegger - When he forgets to take his medications, Charlie, a Rhode Island state trooper with Multiple Personality Disorder finds himself fighting his alter ego. One personality is crazy and aggressive, while the other is more friendly and laid back. Both personalities fall in love with Irene.)Sexual content, crude humor, strong language and some violence). Rated R.

— Unless otherwise indicated, all shows start at 7 p.m. Ticket are \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for children. Wednesday, Thursday and all matinee shows are 99 cents.

— NOTICE: Beginning Monday, the Cochise Theatre will be closed Mondays and Tuesdays.

Screenroom, from Page B2

five years in a row. When it comes down to a martial arts and acting comparison of Li versus Lee, Jet Li takes the acting helm hands down. But that’s no biggie for Bruce fans. Bruce Lee was always a martial artist before he was an actor. What Jet Li does, is he once again brings highly stylized martial arts to mainstream film and does it well.

The film takes us to Oakland, Calif. where two rival gangs are in the middle of a war. The son of the Chinese gang’s overlord is killed and tensions start to mount. The other son of the overlord, Han Sing (Jet Li) comes to the U.S. from Hong Kong to find out what happened to his brother and avenge him if needed.

Along the way, Sing runs into Trish O’day (Aaliyah) who happens to be the daughter of rival gang boss Isaak O’day (Delroy Lindo). They hit it off, causing all kinds of woe among the gangs.

Although we are talking about gang operations here, there’s an unreasonable amount of shady business going on that seems to have something to do with the NFL wanting to move an expansion team into Oakland. While Trish and Han try and find the truth, O’day and the Chinese go about business as usual.

There’s plenty of high intensity martial arts to keep the film moving. This movie excels in bringing Hong Kong style martial arts to a very American film.



“Romeo Must Die” photos copyright Warner Brothers

One of the film’s many spectacular fight scenes.

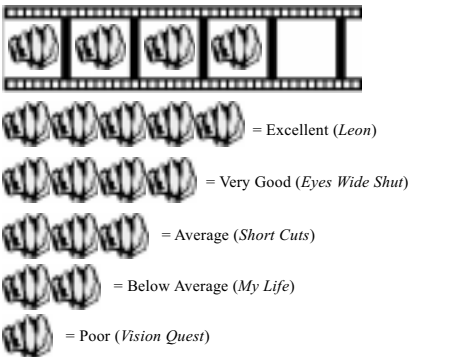


Trish O’day (Aaliyah) runs alongside of a van with the assistance of Han Sing (Jet Li) during a fight scene where Han admits, “I can’t hit a girl.”

My only problem with this movie is that they use of lot of special effects for the fight scenes. I guess I’m somewhat of a purist when it comes to Kung Fu flicks. When you watch old Bruce Lee films or even current Jackie Chan movies, you know that the majority of what they’re doing is “real.” In that they didn’t use wires and the like to perform most of their fight scenes.

There’s a lot of wires involved in the martial arts here. It kind of gives the fight scenes a look similar to “The Matrix.” I guess that’s cool, but I’d really like to see some fight scenes choreographed that displayed Jet Li’s abilities without the aid of

special effects. Regardless, Li is great, Aaliyah is very good in her first feature film role, and the supporting cast is commendable. I give this film: four fists of fury.





In the Spotlight

See your MWR activity highlighted in The Fort Huachuca Scout, call 538-0836.

Youth Services Begin Fall Programs

Youth Services (YS) offers programs and activities for youth first through twelfth grade during out-of-school hours. Programs are conducted at the Youth Center and the new Youth Center Annex, which conducts programs for 6-9 graders.

All YS participants must have a registration on file with the Youth Center. Registration forms are available at the Youth Center and must be completed by a parent or legal guardian.

Youth Services offers the following programs:

The Middle School After-School Program is designed for youth in grades 6-9 and is conducted Monday through Friday after school until 6 p.m. Youth participate in self-directed and group activities, such as computer lab, basketball, boxing, arts and crafts, bowling, swimming and field trips. Registration for this program must be completed through the SPS Central Registration Office at 533-0738.


The YS Open Recreation Program offers youth the opportunity to participate in activities at the Youth Center with youth their age. The Open Recreation Program is designed as a drop-in program, meaning youth are able to sign themselves in and out. Youth can play basketball in the gymnasium, watch TV, play pool or other table games, or just hang-out with friends. Friday night from 6:30-8:30 p.m. is Disco Rollerskating in the gymnasium. YS has rollerblades and skates available and the cost is \$2 per session. School Year hours for the Open Recreation Program are: Friday 6-11 p.m. (9-11 p.m. for grades 6-12 only) Saturday 1-10 p.m. (8-10 p.m. for grades 6-12 only) Sunday 1-7 p.m. for grades 1-12.

Rollin’ Thunder Skate Park offers youth the opportunity to roller-blade or skateboard on ramps, rails and jumps in a skate park. Youth must have a registration/waiver form on file in order to skate at the park. Registration forms are available at the Youth Center and must be completed by a parent/legal guardian. Skate park school year hours are Monday and Tuesday- Closed; Wednesday and Thursday- 3-7 p.m.; Friday- 3-9 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday- 1-6 p.m. Youth can enjoy the skate park for a \$2 admission fee, and the required equipment is available for rent for an additional \$1.

Other contracted classes given at the Youth Center are Tae Kwon Do and dance. Tae Kwon Do classes are conducted twice a week at a cost of \$25 per month. Dance classes, including Tap, Ballet and Jazz, are conducted at the Youth Center for a charge of \$20 per month.

We are starting a new Youth Boxing Program for youths grades 6-12. They can now learn to box under the guidance of a certified boxing instructor, for \$25 per month. Training sessions are conducted Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 3-5 p.m. at the Barnes Field House Boxing Facility. For more information on the Youth Center Programs, activities, events and contracted classes offered please call 533-3205.

COMMANDER'S CUP SPORTS PROGRAM



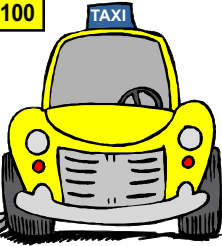
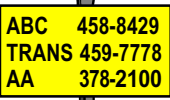
2000-01

| SPORT | MEETINGS | LOCATION | START DATE |
|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|------------|
| Bowling (MK) | 1100 Tue 08 Aug | Desert Lanes | 23 Aug |
| | 1100 Tue 15 Aug | | |
| Road Races (GT) | 1100 Thur 07 Sep | Barnes Field House (BFH) | 22 Sep |
| | | | 29 Sep |
| | | | 06 Oct |
| Flag Football (GT) | 1000 Thur 05 Sep | BFH | 25 Sep |
| Basketball (MK) | 1000 Thur 02 Nov | BFH | 27 Nov |
| Over 30 Basketball (MK) | 1000 Tue 17 Oct | BFH | 06 Nov |
| Racquetball (GT) | 1000 Tue 16 Jan | BFH | 29 Jan |
| Volleyball (GT) | 1000 Mon 05 Mar | BFH | 26 Mar |
| Track & Field (MK) | 1000 Tue 17 Apr | BFH | 01 May |
| | | | 02 May |
| | | | 03 May |
| Golf (MK) | 1000 Wed 25 Apr | BFH | 21 May |
| | 1000 Wed 02 May | BFH | |
| Softball Tournament(GT) | 1000 Tue 01 May | BFH | 14-18 May |
| Softball (GT) | 1100 Tue 01 May | BFH | 21 May |
| Thunder Mt. Marathon(MK) | Sat 24 Mar 2001 | | 24 May |

MAJOR COMMANDER'S CUP SPORTS: Bowling, Flag Football, Basketball, Volleyball, Softball and Thunder Mountain Marathon.
MINOR COMMANDER'S CUP SPORTS: Road races, Racquetball, Track & Field and Golf.

A & R Meetings: Conducted the first Wed of every Month at 1000 hrs. at BFH
The January A & R meeting will be conducted Wed, 10 Jan 01 at 1000 hrs.

**For further information contact
Michelle Kimsey - 5333180**



TAXI

on Fort Huachuca

24 Hour Service 7 days a week

ON POST TAXI FARES:

\$1.50 per person on the Main Post area from Christy to the Main Gate/
East Gate to the Sportman's Center;

\$2 per person to the Buffalo Corral, Libby Army Airfield and Huachuca Canyon;


\$6 all the way to the West Gate and add \$2 for each additional passenger;

\$8 all the way to Upper Garden Canyon and add \$2 for each additional passenger.

OFF POST TAXI FARES:

\$1.50 per mile off post and \$1 per additional passenger.

Comments and Concers call:
Janet Russell at 538-1688



A new multiple contract has been awarded to three local taxi companies.

The companies are:

**ABC Cab Company
Transportation Express
AA Cab Company**



Fort Huachuca Morale, Welfare & Recreation Updates

The Directorate of Morale, Welfare & Recreation is responsible for content appearing on MWR pages in The Fort Huachuca Scout.

Questions about this section should be directed to MWR Marketing Director, Paula German at 538-0836 or send an e-mail to germanp@huachuca-emh1.army.mil.



SPORTSMAN'S CENTER 533-701

Night Paintball

Tomorrow night come and play night paintball at the Sportsman's Center. Sign up from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. and play from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. Cost is \$5 range fee or \$20 rental package.



Overnight Trail Ride

The Buffalo Corral will offer an overnight trail ride to Garden Canyon on September 23. The ride will leave the Buffalo Corral at 8 a.m. You will ride the foothills of the Huachuca Mountains into Garden Canyon and up to the Boy Scout cabin of Sawmill Canyon. All food is included; a great steak dinner, a cowboy breakfast and two box lunches catered by the Lakeside. The price is \$98 per person for au-

thorized MWR patrons and \$125 for civilians. Reservations and a \$50 non-refundable deposit are required by COB September 14 and total payment required by COB September 20. For more information call the Buffalo Corral at 533-5220.



\$500 AWARD OFFERED!

In the time frame from Friday evening to Saturday morning certain individual(s) vandalized the #15 green at the Mountain View Golf Course, on Fort Huachuca. The vandals caused considerable damage to the green by driving a vehicle over the green. Person(s) with any information leading to the arrest and conviction of the perpetrator(s) responsible will receive a \$500 REWARD! Your identity will be held confidential. Please contact Investigator John Griffin at the Fort Huachuca Military Police Investigations 533-8827.

Thank You MP K-9 Unit

Youth Services would like to say thank you to the Military Police K-9 Unit for their demonstration on August 4, for the Middle School Summer Program youth. SSG Nieto, SGT Hatlen and "Wendy" were very helpful and informative. They provided the youth with a rare opportunity to see the skill and ability of the K-9 unit. It is only through the cooperation of these hard working professionals that the youth of the community can learn to appreciate the dedication required to be a member of the Military Police.

B.A.R.N.E.S FIELD HOUSE

Commanders Cup Road Race

The Commanders Cup Road Races will be conducted September 22, 29 and October 6 at 7 a.m. Units interested in competing in this program, must submit a letter of intent to participate no later than September 7. Anyone planning on participat-

ing must attend the meeting at Barnes Field House on September 7 at 10 a.m. For More information call Barnes Field House at 533-3246.

Humming Bird Triathalon

The Hummingbird Triathalon; 800 yard Swim; 5K Run; 13 mile bike race will be held on Sunday, September 3, at 7 a.m. This event is open to Civilian and Military, teams or individuals of all ages. Individual registration is \$25 and team registration is \$50. For more information and registration forms please call 533-3858.

Post Pools' Summer Closings

The Grierson Pool closes August 15 at 5 p.m for the winter. The Irwin Pool will remain open from 1 to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays until August 15. Irwin Pool will also be open on Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. until September 4. On all four days there will be only one lap lane available.

For any questions, comments or for Barnes Field House Pool's winter hours please call 533-3858.

Garden Canyon site for Junior Conservation Weekend Aug. 19&20

JAKES release

The Southern Arizona Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation in partnership with the Arizona Game & Fish Department is planning a "Junior Conservation Weekend" here Aug. 19-20. Organizers expect to have about 50 youngsters along with a parent or guardian camping out in the Lower Garden Canyon.

According to Chris Kaputa, JAKES (Juniors Acquiring Knowledge, Ethics and Sportsmanship) Coordinator, the weekend event will introduce young people to the activities enjoyed by many of their parents and friends. She said the events will include archery, fishing in a freshly-stocked lake (fish will be supplied by the AG&FD), target shooting with both live ammunition and a special video apparatus known as the

DART system to simulate.

"We will also instruct on campsite selection, hunter safety training, reading maps, compasses and a GPS, basic first-aid, cooking your own meals and turkey calling instruction, all about the Goulds turkey, and a special "secret" event, if the weather permits."

Kaputa said the National Wild Turkey Federation also invites the participation by children of military personnel assigned here.

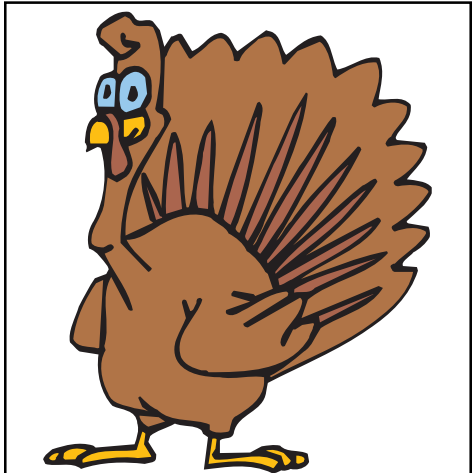
"We are over half filled already and expect this to sell out soon," added Jim Warren, a member of the National Wild Turkey Federation, "and there will be no registration at the site. Participants must be pre-registered."

Interested individuals should sign up today. The cost is only \$15, and is open to children ages 7-17. It will start at 11 a.m. Aug. 19 and end at noon Aug. 20. "We expect this fun-filled event will sell out fast," Kaputa said

Kaputa said arrangements have been made by the National Wild Turkey Federation to provide base-certified shooting instructors for the live ammunition activities and that certified EMT personnel will be on site Saturday and other qualified medical personnel at all other times.

Kaputa said the National Wild Turkey Federation also invites the participation by children of military personnel assigned here. For information and application forms, call (520) 663-3488 or (520) 907-6141 and ask for Jim Warren or Chris Kaputa.

For information about the NWTF Huachuca Mountain Solid Goulds' Chapter banquet on Aug. 19, contact Steve Heins at 459-1969.



Register, from Page B1

he claimed the U.S. Paralympic record in the long jump at 5.13 meters, just shy of 17 feet, and took second in the 100-meter dash.

Register also took the bronze in the 200-meter, hopping across the finish line clutching his prosthesis after it began slipping off 20 meters from the finish.

If that just makes you shake your head as you consider his determination, consider this as well: during the long jump competition, when he set the new U.S. record, John had trouble with his prosthesis.

"When I did my warm ups, I came down with so much torque that the knee had shifted

and rotated, which meant my whole alignment was off," Register said. "So every round, I was taking my leg off, and [the prosthetist would] have to come over and adjust it and I'd put it back on – wait my turn, go up, land the jump, get back and take it off each time."

He explains in a very matter of fact voice a difficulty that would have most people throwing their hands up in despair. He believes, though, that "disabled athlete" is an oxymoron and credits two forces with his success: his faith in God and support from his wife, Alice.

"I could not do this if she was not supporting me, there's just no way. When you get married, you never know how those vows are going to get tested. Ours were tested pretty good," he said. "And, I don't know if I could have come back from [the accident] without my faith in Christ. I really owe it all to Christ. We can either sit back and try and blame God or blame ourselves, but with Christ, you look at things differently. The first question I had [after the amputation] was 'where are You having me go now?'"

The current answer is apparently Sydney. Register is poised to climb the medal podium

in October in any of the three events he qualified for at the June trials – the long jump, the 100-meter dash or the 200-meter dash.

Qualifying at the trials took a huge weight off his shoulders, he said, and now he's focused on his next goal: hitting 20 feet in the long jump.

"I don't think medals. If I do what I want to do, the medals will be there," he said.

Since Register, with both faith and determination, generally does what he sets his sights on, watch for him on top of that medal podium in Sydney during the Paralympic Games Oct. 17-30.